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**best bets**

By Jessica Gallart  
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**For lobster lovers**  
*GT Fish & Oyster, 531 N. Wells St.*  
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## RANDOM WEDNESDAY

Over on our Facebook page, we like to do this little thing called Facebook Random Question of the Day. And it's exactly that: random.

Tuesday's question was: **What's one thing you still want to accomplish before the end of 2010?**

Check out some of the responses we received. Want to be a part of our social media revolution and see your thoughts here next time? Like us at [facebook.com/theredeye](http://facebook.com/theredeye).

**Tamara Hester:** I'd like to accomplish becoming gainfully employed with a good, stable company.

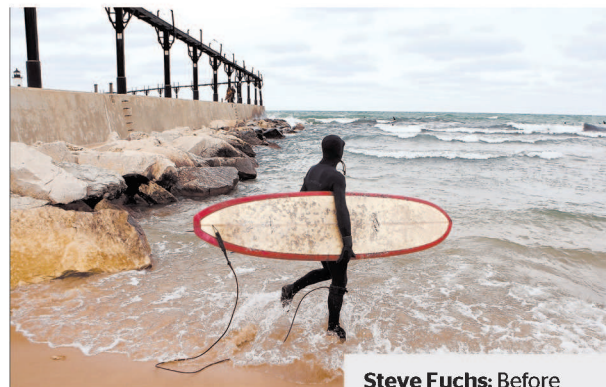
**Virginia K. R. Hunt:** I am going to get more ink (another tattoo), and it's getting accomplished later this month.

**Suzi Voss:** Pass my Calculus II final!

**Marc Cobb:** Finding lost love.

**Maria Madrigal:** Take a vacation lol ... it's been a busy year.

**Oscar Gabino:** Lose 10 pounds and land a job in Dubai!



**Colin Joliat:** Complete at least one of my 2010 New Year's resolutions.

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**Steve Fuchs:** Before 2010 is complete, I'd like to surf Lake Michigan while it's snowing. \*recently transplanted from Los Angeles\*



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**TODAY'S FORECAST**

Cold, but absent any winter mayhem



**THU. 29 27**

White stuff lurking ...



**FRI. 34 26**

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## REACTION



“Elizabeth Edwards was an incredibly loving, giving, and devoted mother.”

—Massachusetts **Sen. John Kerry's** statement

“Today we have lost the comfort of Elizabeth’s presence but she remains the heart of this family. We love her and will never know anyone more inspiring or full of life.”

—**Edwards family** statement



“Through all that she endured, Elizabeth revealed a kind of fortitude and grace that will long remain a source of inspiration.”

—**President Obama's** statement



Edwards  
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# A VOICE IS LOST

**ELIZABETH EDWARDS, 61, DIES OF CANCER AT HER N.C. HOME**

## Reuters

Elizabeth Edwards, a best-selling author and the driving force behind husband John Edwards’ political career before it was destroyed by his infidelity, died Tuesday at age 61.

Edwards died of cancer Tuesday morning at her home in Chapel Hill, N.C., surrounded by her family, the Edwardses said in a statement.

She first was diagnosed with breast cancer and treated in 2004. In 2007, the cancer returned and spread to other parts of her body.

She wrote two best-selling books, “Resilience” and “Saving Graces,” about her long battle with cancer and the scandal surrounding her husband, a wealthy trial lawyer who served as a U.S. senator from North Carolina and twice ran for president.

Her husband was a rising star in the Democratic Party who was selected as Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry’s running mate when Kerry lost narrowly to Republican incum-

bent George W. Bush in 2004.

John Edwards’ personal and political fortunes changed after the National Enquirer began reporting on his affair with a campaign aide named Rielle Hunter as he sought the 2008 Democratic presidential nomination.

Elizabeth Edwards and her husband announced in January that they had separated after 32 years of marriage. The split came less than a week after John Edwards admitted that he had fathered a baby with Hunter. The little girl was 2 years old when he ac-

## FAMILY HISTORY

Elizabeth and John Edwards endured a tragedy before he entered politics.

The couple’s eldest child, Wade, was killed in 1996 at age 16 in a traffic accident in North Carolina when a vehicle he was driving to the family’s beach home crashed. The couple had three other children.

At left, John Edwards gets a hug from Elizabeth as they visit in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on Jan. 3, 2008. **REUTERS FILE PHOTO**



knowledgeed he was her father.

Elizabeth Edwards’ marriage disintegrated even as she battled terminal cancer. On Dec. 6, she said in a Facebook post: “I have been sustained throughout my life by three saving graces, my family, my friends, and a faith in the power of resilience and hope.”

“These graces have carried me through difficult times and they have brought more joy to the good times than I ever could have imagined. The days of our lives, for all of us, are numbered. We know that,” she added.





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# Guys: Welcome to our world

The average male ego is taking a beating. From "Jersey Shore" to the Quileute Nation in the "Twilight" novels, it seems like everyone and his werewolf best friend has a set of six-pack abs and Adonis-like delts.

Even the average guy selling deodorant in commercials or reading lame punch lines in sitcoms no longer favors a slight paunch underneath his grungy T-shirt. The new standard male we're presented with is a constantly shirtless, white-teethed, GNC-preferred-customer, Men's Health cover boy.

And guess what? I don't feel sorry for you guys at all.

Sure, I could be a little more politically correct (or at least a little more compassionate) and bemoan your plight to stack up to this impossibly high standard in reality. But I'm not going to do that. In fact, I kind of like watching you guys squirm. It all seems to me like a little bit of payback. Yes, it's a bitter pill to swallow but it's one that we ladies have been choking down for decades.

Holding yourself up to an idealized image—a plague that has wrecked havoc on many a female's ego—is starting to affect men more and more. A recent study out of the U.K. found that men are 50 percent more likely to retouch Facebook profile pictures than women, according to **bbc.com**. Surprising, huh? Many more men than women felt bad enough about their pictures to take the time to Photoshop out their bad skin, slim down their gut or (if they're really lazy) just paste Brad Pitt's face over theirs.

Just showing up is no longer enough for men. Skinny legs and dirty shoes aren't going to cut it anymore. You're now expected to have a movie star-worthy jaw line and 18-inch biceps before you're garnered the courtesy of a second glance.

Please note that while you're gazing at women walking by comparing them to a Maxim cover you saw five years ago, we're checking you out and comparing you to those beefy Spartan soldiers in "300."

When presented with this idealized, high standard of masculine beauty, my guy friends turn haughty and offended. They are quick to point out that a good percentage of those new alpha males are the combined effort of a great makeup team, some computer-generated magic and an army of trainers and nutritionists. Well, what do you think boob jobs, retouching and fabulous lighting are? It takes more than just a push-up bra to make Megan Fox look like Megan Fox.

So how about it guys, are you ready for a truce yet? We'll back off the uber-sculpted Adonis lookalikes as the ideal and you give up the idolized blow-up doll chic. No? OK, well next year, *you* wear all the slutty Halloween costumes. Then we'll see if you're ready to negotiate.

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### CORRECTION

The rent.com survey mentioned in Tuesday's RedEye cover story was released in November. The story listed the incorrect month.



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THE COURT

# Fenger trial begins

## Videotape of Derrion Albert's fatal beating plays before courtroom

### Chicago Tribune

Derrion Albert never saw the vicious chop to the head from a piece of a railroad tie that sent him sprawling to the street. A moment earlier, he was throwing punches at an unseen combatant, one of dozens of teens involved in the melee that left ultimately cost him his life.

But as Albert struggled groggily to his feet, a 14-year-old boy cocked his right arm back and launched a sweeping right hook to the jaw of the Fenger High School student. Albert toppled forward, apparently unconscious, unable to even reach forward with his hands to break his fall.

"Damn," a male voice could be heard saying on the video that captured the moment. "Put that [expletive] to sleep."

One of five youths charged in Albert's shocking murder went on trial Tuesday. The videotaped killing drew national attention to Chicago's youth violence and tarnished the city's image.

As testimony began and Fenger was once again thrust into the limelight, students and staff at the South Side school noted how much has changed since the September 2009 beating and rejected the idea that what was caught on the video ever represented their school anyway.

But the violent video took center stage in Cook County juvenile court, where the defendant, now 15, is charged with Albert's murder. Prosecutors told the jury that his single punch contributed to Albert's death, but the boy's attorney noted that



LaTanya Albert (left), who testified Tuesday, and other family members of Derrion Albert leave Cook County Juvenile Court after a day of testimony in the trial of a juvenile in the 2009 death of 16-year-old Albert, a Fenger High School student. **BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE**

Albert survived the initial attack, only to be beaten by other youths.

The videotape showed that Albert held out his hand in an apparent plea for mercy after being punched by the defendant. Several teens—not including the boy on trial—kicked and stomped Albert's head. Another teen then struck a blow to the

victim's skull with a 6-foot-long piece of a railroad tie. One attacker jumped several feet in the air and stomped Albert squarely on the head.

Three students, including the defendant's younger cousin, identified the defendant as the youth who punched Albert in the face.

Four others—all charged as adults—await trial.

The videotaped beating death of 16-year-old Derrion Albert in September 2009 prompted citywide soul searching about youth violence. Five teens stand accused of his death. **TRIBUNE**

### 2009

**Sept. 24, 2009:** Albert, a Fenger High School student, is beaten to death in an afterschool melee that is caught on video and aired to the nation.

**Sept. 28:** Four teens are charged as adults with murder for their roles in the fight: Eugene Riley, 18, Silvonus Shannon, 19, Eric Carson, 16, and Eugene Bailey, 18. Charges against Bailey later are dropped.

**Nov. 5:** A 14-year-old is also charged with murder—as a juvenile, and therefore is not named.

### 2010

**Jan. 20:** Lapoleon Colbert 19, also is charged with murder in the case.

**Tuesday:** Testimony begins for the first of Albert's accused attackers, the juvenile, who allegedly hit Albert with a "roundhouse punch" as he was trying to stand up.

# A shocking new City Council proposal

### Chicago Tribune

Would-be burglars could get jolted if they try to scale fences at some Chicago businesses under a plan gaining steam in the City Council.

The measure would allow companies to install nonlethal electric security fences, so long as they don't border residential or public areas, are surrounded by nonelectric perimeter fences and have posted warnings.

Energized by a solar-powered device akin

to a car battery, the fences send a 7,000-volt jolt every 1.3 seconds into the hands of people who touch the fences. They have not caused fatalities in the states and cities that allow them, said Michael Pate, director of business development for Sentry Security Systems.

By comparison, a Taser delivers a 50,000-volt jolt 21 times a second, Pate testified. Aldermen got a tiny taste during the hearing, trying out a pen that delivered one-tenth the

charge of the fence.

The tests led to guffaws from Ald. Edward Burke (14th) the Finance Committee chairman and the measure's sponsor. Burke said the fences are used in some suburbs and at railroad facilities in Chicago, where they're allowed by state law.

The Chicago Fire Department doesn't think it's such a good idea. Assistant Deputy Fire Commissioner John McNicholas said

such fences could make it tougher to get at fire scenes. "When we are making our move, the last thing we want is to get zapped," he said.

But Ald. Bernard Stone (50th) noted firefighters could be given master keys to boxes with switches to turn off the power, much as they are given keys to elevators in high-rises across the city.

The City Council is expected to vote on the ordinance Wednesday.



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**Noon, Lower Level, Housewares Department:** Sample sweet treats from **Beard Pappa's**, bakery of the "World's Best Cream Puffs"!

**Noon, 6th Floor, Crystal Department:** **Phillips Flowers** will showcase their beautiful floral designs and show us easy ways to arrange them for the holidays!

**Noon, 5th Floor, Kids' Department:** Have loads of fun with a Polar Play Zone experience from Shedd Aquarium. Stop by its interactive kid station and learn what it's like to waddle like a penguin, feed the beluga and even see dolphins leap when you get a free pair of special holiday glasses\*!

**Noon, 6th Floor, Home Department:** Learn some holiday tips for your home and get great gift ideas from our **Martha Stewart Collection** specialist!

**1pm, 1st Floor, Handbag Department:** Enjoy sounds of classic holiday tunes from the **Flute Ensemble Youth Group**.

**1pm, Lower Level, Housewares Department:** Warm up with a White Frostea Chocolate from Chicago's very own **Argo Tea**!

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# Santo funeral procession to end at Wrigley

## Chicago Tribune

The funeral Friday morning for Cubs great Ron Santo will be followed by a procession starting at Holy Name Cathedral and ending outside Santo's workplace—Wrigley Field, where he entertained fans as both a ball player and broadcaster.

The Cubs and the Santo family said Tuesday that fans unable to attend the funeral at 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Name are invited to gather at Wrigley, which the procession will circle around noon.

Fans also can gather along the route of the procession, which will go past Tribune Tower, home of WGN-AM, then north on Michigan Avenue to inner Lake Shore Drive, west on Division Street, north on LaSalle Drive, then north on Clark Street and Sheffield Avenue before turning west at Addison Street and concluding with a lap around Wrigley.

Public visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday at Holy Name. The cathedral must close its doors by midnight, so fans are asked to be in line by 11 p.m. Fans will enter the cathedral through the main State Street entrance and leave through an exit on Superior Street.

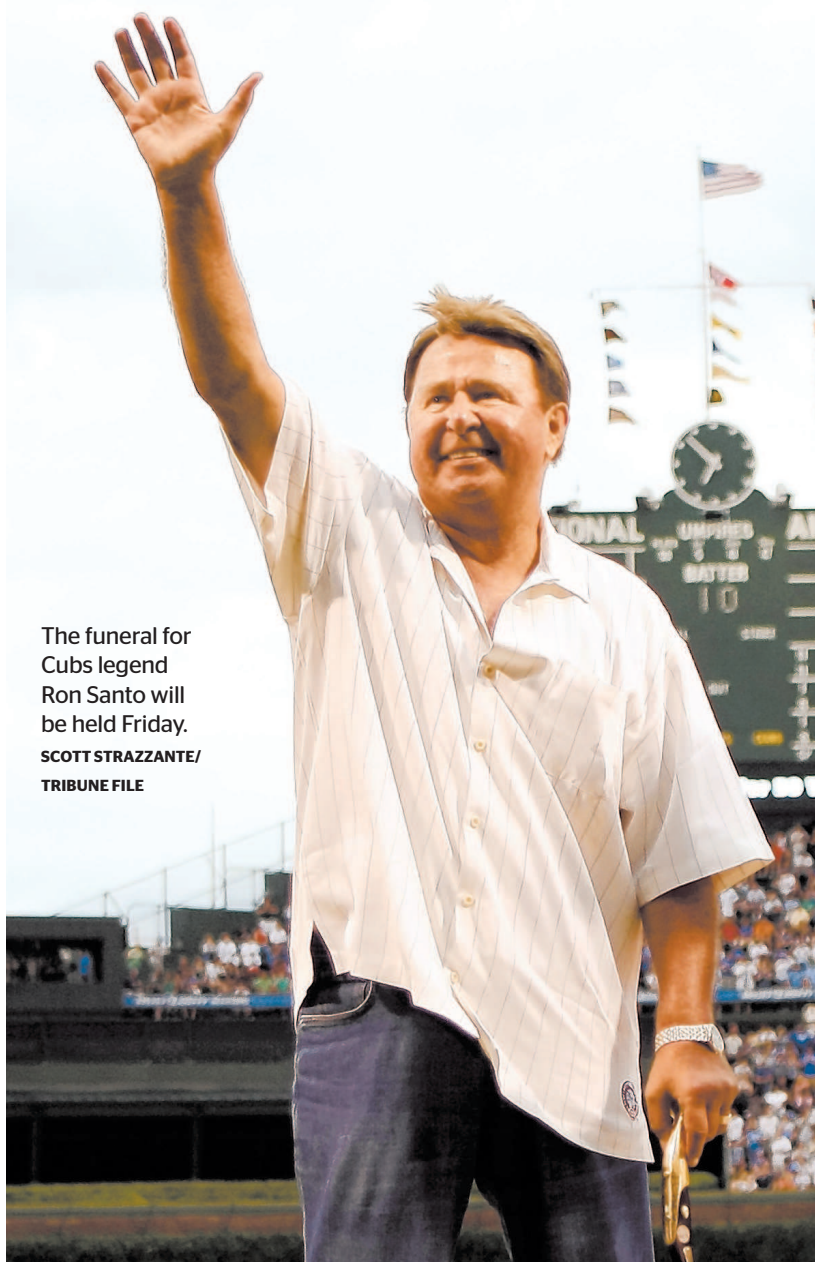
Santo died Thursday of complications from bladder cancer.

Friday's funeral is scheduled to include eulogies by Cubs chairman Tom Ricketts, baseball commissioner Bud Selig and Santo's broadcast partner, Pat Hughes.



The funeral for Cubs legend Ron Santo will be held Friday.

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## Gold Coast fire extinguished

Firefighters quickly put out a fire in the garage of a Gold Coast high-rise this morning. The fire was in a car in the garage of the building at 1501 N. State Pkwy., said fire department spokesman Richard Rosado.

## Racer buys Lincoln Park mansion

Retired professional race car driver Bobby Rahal, who won the 1986 Indy 500, recently paid \$3.295 million for a 12-room, 6,600-square-foot Lincoln Park mansion, the Tribune reports.

## Preckwinkle sets goals

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle on Tuesday set the high standard of becoming "the best-run county government in the country" during just her second day in office. That goal was stated in her freshly released transition report. **TRIBUNE**

# Developer loses Spire space

## Chicago Tribune

Irish developer Garrett Kelleher's company has lost control of the site on which he expected to build the Chicago Spire.

A Cook County Circuit Court judge has granted a request by Anglo Irish Bank Corp. Ltd., the lender to Kelleher's Shelbourne North Water Street L.P., and appointed a receiver for the infamous hole in the ground that was supposed to become a twisting skyscraper addition to the city's skyline.

Meanwhile, two local firms have purchased the delinquent property taxes on the stalled development site at 400 N. Lake Shore Drive, setting up a process for the bank or others to re-

deem the taxes.

Unlike receivers appointed for ongoing business concerns such as the Block 37 retail development on State Street, the job of the Spire's receiver, Stephen Bell of CB Richard Ellis, is more limited.

"My job is to manage the property for the court while the two parties proceed with their foreclosure," Bell said Tuesday. "It's simply a vacant parcel and my job is to watch it."

Bell will receive \$250 an hour, or not more than \$1,200 a month, to serve as receiver and may engage CB Richard Ellis for additional services at a rate of \$1,395 per month. Bell was appointed receiver at a court hearing Thursday.

# Rahm Emanuel sidesteps mayoral circus comments

## Chicago Tribune

Rahm Emanuel didn't take a swing Tuesday when given a chance to weigh in on Monday's circus surrounding efforts to kick him off the Chicago mayoral ballot.

More than 30 people have challenged his candidacy and Emanuel is expected to testify in a hearing next week. At Monday's hearing, the anti-Emanuel crowd was raucous, with some wearing "Indict Rahm" buttons and recording the proceedings with hand-held cameras. Others complained that the election board was a fraudulent entity that couldn't be trusted.

But Emanuel stuck to his script Monday, saying Chicago's residents are more interested in a

candidate who will address the 9.8 percent unemployment rate, preparedness of high school graduates and crime—especially in the wake of two Chicago police officers who were recently killed in as many weeks.

"Those are the challenges facing the residents of the city of Chicago. Those are the challenges I will be focused as both a candidate for mayor and if I'm successful, as mayor," Emanuel said at a news conference he called to discuss teacher training.

Emanuel wants to double the number of teacher training academies and send those educators to schools in groups to turn around Chicago Public Schools.





## WikiLeaks founder arrested

**1** The arrest of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange by British police on a Swedish arrest warrant could presage a long legal battle if the U.S. wants to extradite him, particularly if Assange first is extradited to Sweden, experts said Tuesday.

A British judge sent Assange to jail until at least Tuesday while a court decides whether to order the extradition. Assange, 39, is suspected of one count of rape, two counts of sexual molestation and one count of unlawful coercion—or illegal use of force—allegedly committed in August, according to the Swedish warrant. He was arrested after turning himself in at a London police station.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder told reporters on Monday he has authorized “significant” actions related to a criminal investigation of WikiLeaks. The site has been under intense pressure from the U.S. and its allies since it began posting the first of more than 250,000 U.S. State Department documents Nov. 28.

# Obama defends extending tax cuts

**2** WASHINGTON President Obama vigorously defended his agreement with Republicans to extend all of the Bush-era tax cuts Tuesday, arguing that it was a price that had to be paid to spare the middle class from crippling tax hikes.

The president promised disheartened Democrats that the fight over the cuts for the highest-income Americans would continue over the next two years. He also urged them to take a long-term view of the bitter policy fights now taking place in Washington.

My “number one priority is to do what’s right for the American people,” he said at a hastily scheduled news conference at the White House. “Because of this agreement, middle class Americans won’t see their taxes go up on January 1.”

Obama blasted the Republicans for clinging to a rigid ideology that, in his opinion, has blinded the GOP to the needs and concerns of average Americans.

“I’ve said before that I felt that the middle class tax cuts were being held hostage to the high-end tax cuts,” he said. “I think it’s tempting not to negotiate with hostage takers, unless the hostage gets harmed. ... In this case, the hostage was the American people. And I was not willing to see them get harmed.”



President Obama agreed to extend Bush-era tax cuts Tuesday, including those to high-income Americans. **REUTERS**

### WHAT'S NEXT?

If Congress doesn’t pass some kind of tax deal by the end of the year, taxes will go up for everyone, since the current rates set under former President George W. Bush expire automatically at the end of 2010. Democrats control both houses of Congress, but the Republicans will take control of the House of Representatives in January, and the Democratic majority in the Senate will be smaller than it is now.

### Predicting 2011's hottest words

**3** “Palinism” and “Obama-mess” are likely to be among the top global words of 2011 as the U.S. gears up for its next presidential elections, according to a language monitoring group. The coming year also likely will be commonly deemed “Twenty-Eleven” as the English-speaking world moves away from disagreement over how to pronounce the first years of the decade, the Global Language Monitor said Monday.

### DOT: Tarmac rules work

**4** The new airline tarmac delay rule seems to be working. October was completely free of tarmac delays lasting more than three hours, according to the Department of Transportation air travel report.

### Religion = happiness?

**5** As important as your religious beliefs may be to you, they don’t necessarily make you happier, a new study in the American Sociological Review finds. What does make you more satisfied with your life, the University of Wisconsin-based study finds, is having friends at your congregation and a strong religious identity.

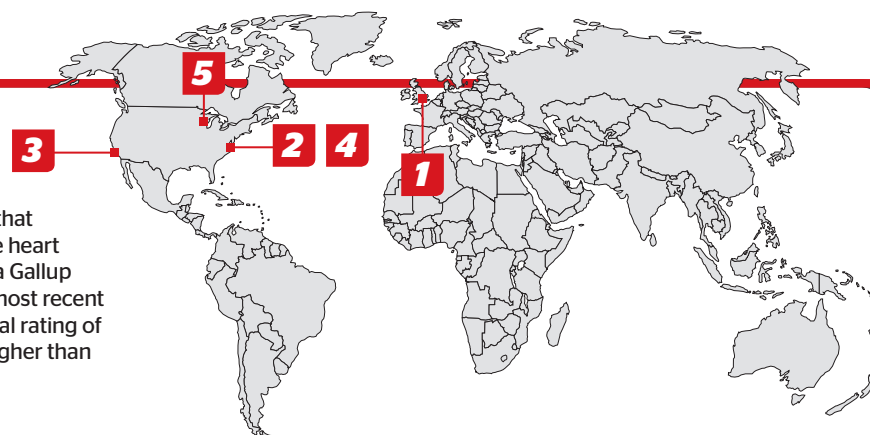
### Dubya's poll numbers surge

George W. Bush is proving that absence, indeed, makes the heart grow fonder. According to a Gallup poll released Monday, the most recent ex-president has an approval rating of 47 percent, considerably higher than when he left office.

### THE DIGIT

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That’s how many new \$100 bills have been put into quarantine while U.S. officials search for a solution to a printing problem that has rendered some of the bills unusable, an official familiar with the situation said. Originally scheduled for a February 2011 release date, the bills were the first run of a high-tech note designed to combat counterfeiting by including a 3-D security ribbon.







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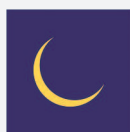
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For a photo gallery of some of the most entertaining sports figures on Twitter, visit [bit.ly/homersblog](http://bit.ly/homersblog).



## Cyber Bulls

The question Jeremy Thum, director of interactive marketing for the Bulls, gets the most? "Is Derrick Rose on Twitter?" No, Rose hasn't joined the Twittersverse, but these Bulls players have. **T.S.**



C.J. Watson is No. 1 on the Bulls in Twitter followers. **GETTY IMAGES**

### C.J. Watson @quietstorm\_32

» 321,548 followers

**Nov. 25 tweet:** "This hotel dressing ain't like my mamas Smh"

### Carlos Boozer @CBoozTheBull

» 18,563 followers

**Nov. 22 tweet:** "Always Be Thankful For The True Blessings In Your Life!!! Love My Family!!!"

### Luol Deng @LuolDeng9

» 11,797 followers

**Nov. 14 tweet:** "Man chicago traffic is crazy on a sunday. Wow. I'm sorry every-one at the event I'm a little late."

### Kyle Korver @KyleKorver

» 5,941 followers

**Oct. 25 tweet:** "finally watched how to train your dragon. good movie, never know when everyone says its good, lived up to the hype"

### Taj Gibson @TajGibson22

» 3,371 followers

**Nov. 22 tweet:** "At UCLA for practice feels weird!! I'm a Trojan for life baby"

### Ronnie Brewer @rbrewer9

» 758 followers

**Aug. 11 tweet:** "Not sure which baseball team to pull for in Chitown....Im just gonna cheer for the cubs and the sox"

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Jeremy Thum, the Bulls' director of interactive marketing, covers games live on Twitter.

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## Twitter roll call



Sure, the Bulls dominate the hardwood, but do they dominate Twitter? RedEye compares the Bulls and their 57,654 followers with other

Chicago and NBA teams. **T.S.**



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@MiamiHEAT  
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@celtics  
» 95,330 followers



@lakers  
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"We're just doing everything we can with digital technology to make sure our fans get all the relevant information they need."

—JEREMY THUM, DIRECTOR OF INTERACTIVE MARKETING FOR THE BULLS

# Tweet setups

## Chicago teams coming @ followers from every digital angle

By Tracy Swartz

REDEYE

As director of interactive marketing for the Bulls, Jeremy Thum is in an enviable position. Sort of.

He regularly interacts with players and covers the games live on Twitter for the team—but not from the best position in the United Center.

Thum sits in the second row on the baseline, behind veteran sports journalists. He tweets plays about 20 seconds after they happen. The game is fast-paced, but Thum is calm as he posts scores and keeps an eye on Twitter chatter about the Bulls.

Thum is in a better position than two years ago, when he was live tweeting games for the Bulls from the stands with his iPhone.

"We're just doing everything we can with digital technology to make sure our fans get all the relevant information they need," said Thum, 33, who's just happy to have a laptop and a desk court-side.

The move shows the importance that the Bulls, like other Chicago teams, are placing on digitally interacting with their fans. But these organizations still have a way to go to shed their antiquated methods of communicating with the public and drumming up fan support.

For example, Thum doesn't travel to road games. The West Loop resident tweets those games from his living room, like any regular fan.

### 'Behind the 8-ball'

Thum wasn't even a Bulls fan when he moved to Chicago from San Francisco for the position in 2008. He rooted for—gulp—the L.A. Lakers. But one game into the job, he was hooked. He applied his newfound fandom to the Bulls' digital marketing strategy.

When Thum joined the team, that strategy concentrated on the Bulls' website, an

e-mail newsletter and a fledgling YouTube channel. At the time, the behind-the-scenes crew was debating whether to focus on Facebook or—shudder—MySpace.

"We were behind the 8-ball," Thum said. He focused on building a Facebook page and a Twitter stream (@chicagobulls). These days, the team also creates content for BullsTV, which live-streams postgame interviews and news conferences, and hosts a live chat for fans during games.

"Fans' voices can be heard through this mechanism," Thum said. "We're fortunate to have a very passionate fan base. Of course, winning helps."

### Here come the Hawks

No need to tell that to the Blackhawks, who won the Stanley Cup this year after a nearly 50-year drought.

The team's Twitter stream, @NHLBlackhawks, saw its follower numbers increase from about 26,000 in April to nearly 39,000 in July, just weeks after the championship, according to [twitaholic.com](http://twitaholic.com), which tracks Twitter follower numbers.

Through a spokesman, the Blackhawks denied a request for RedEye to interview their Twitter writer, preferring to keep that person behind the scenes.

"We use it to keep fans engaged through contests and game updates, infused with some personality," Blackhawks spokesman Adam Rogowin said. "We try and reach all demographics and deliver content to them through sites and applications they use every day to connect with their family and friends, which in turn helps spread the Blackhawks brand."

### The Bears' approach

The Bears also cover their games live on Twitter.

The Bears' website director tweets game updates from the press box, team spokesman Mike Corbo said. The NFL does not

allow cell phone use on the field.

"We are giving fans who may not have access to the game a way of staying updated," Corbo said. "Fans can interact with each other through Facebook and our website, [chicagobears.com](http://chicagobears.com), by posting comments throughout the game."

Like the Bears, the Bulls have only one person posting updates. Thum's tweeted every home game since October 2008 except one: Game 6 against Boston in the 2009 playoffs, which the Bulls won in triple overtime. Thum was on vacation in New Orleans, but a co-worker filled in.

### Fans fuel interaction

During games, Thum tweets about five updates per quarter, more if the Bulls are winning, fewer if they are losing. Although there's no policy on what he can or can't tweet, Thum said he prefers to avoid trash-talking and instead maintains a positive voice throughout the game.

For example, there wasn't anything on the Bulls' Twitter feed about the rumors surrounding Carlos Boozer's hand injury, which occurred amid divorce proceedings from his wife of six years.

But when the Bulls beat Golden State 120-90 on Nov. 11, Thum tweeted 29 times about the game.

Besides constantly tweeting the score, Thum also asks fans questions and solicits suggestions. When he needed a name for center Omer Asik's famous two-handed hammer dunk, he turned to Twitter. One of his followers came up with "Boom-ShakAsika," which Thum hopes becomes a trend.

Thum said he keeps track of fan ideas like that for long-term projects, about which he is tight-lipped.

"We want to make sure we're into the next big thing," he said. "We have a few things up our sleeves."

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## Hate the Heat? Fair enough

Crowded into a bar Thursday with other Ohio expatriates, I watched LeBron James deliver the fury to his old shell-shocked Cleveland Cavaliers team. But despite this drubbing, I took solace that now the Miami Heat are the team to hate.

Anyone with even a passing interest in the NBA cannot help but notice the collective schadenfreude that has developed around the Heat's underwhelming 14-8 start (3-7 against teams over .500). It's not just us aggrieved Cavs fans or Ohioans. Everyone outside of South Beach is taking perverse joy that the "Wabrosh" experiment isn't the surefire hit superstars James and Dwyane Wade thought it would be.

(A quick aside: I exclude calling Chris Bosh a superstar because I have eyes. Has anyone ever been more exposed than Bosh, who is somehow averaging fewer than eight rebounds on a team with no legitimate center? I pray for a Bulls-Heat playoff series because Joakim Noah will eat him alive and make him pick up the bill.)

Already there have been murmurs of axing coach Erik "Deer in Headlights" Spoelstra, and ESPN's Bill Simmons even broached dealing Bosh on his podcast (way premature, as he acknowledged).

But the real question is, why do we take so much collective pleasure in watching the Heat—one of the biggest stories in the past 20 years of pro basketball—struggle?

Americans have a devout sense of fair play. We like a level playing field (although what a "level playing field" constitutes in sports, in business, in politics is something we often mistake—and that's a topic for a book, not a column). Stacking a team with two of the top three players alive (and Bosh, who's still averaging a solid 18 points per game) simply offends our sense of what's fair. As I love to point out to fellow NBA-heads, would the '80s have been such a phenomenal decade if Magic Johnson, Larry Bird and Michael Jordan all decided to play on the same team?

Obviously not.

And perhaps that is what the three amigos failed to calculate when making their decisions. If they win, they were supposed to. If they lose, everyone snarls and says, "Serves you right."

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**1** What do baseball general managers really talk about at the winter meetings?

Whether the new TSA screenings constitute an invasion of privacy.

You have to think they rig the various food "races" during the games. No way pepperoni keeps losing like that.

Which player is too fat not to wear pinstripes, whose highlights look fake, bacne—stuff like that.

What they want from Santa Clause.

Where they're going on vacation for the next three months.

**2** How long will the truce last between Ozzie Guillen and Kenny Williams?

About 140 characters long.

Hopefully another five rings. Sound good? Of course it does.

Truce? Oh my friend, don't be so naive.

Positive thinking! The Ozzie-Kenny War was so 2010. No tweeting, Guillen boys!

Until March, when everyone comes back for the season.

**3** The solution to the Cubs' vacancy at first base is ...

The only hope for the Cubs in 2011 is a bye year.

... Adrian ... whoops! Um, Adam D-uh ... LaRoche. Yep. Adam LaRoche.

... Mark Prior! Come on, give him a chance at a comeback!

... Aramis Ramirez to first base, and third base is vacant all season in memory of Ron Santo.

Why doesn't anybody listen to me about picking up Ernest?!

**4** How can the Bears keep their linebackers healthy?

NFL-approved "dietary supplements" and Barry Bonds' muscle cream.

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A steady diet of raw meat, plenty of exercise and 10 sacks of Jerry Angelo per day.

Clone Brian Urlacher. Seriously, 17 tackles in one game?

Come train with me at Hi Fi, of course.

**5** Come up with a nickname for the Bulls' trio of Derrick Rose, Joakim Noah and Carlos Boozer.

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The Good, The Bald and The Ugly

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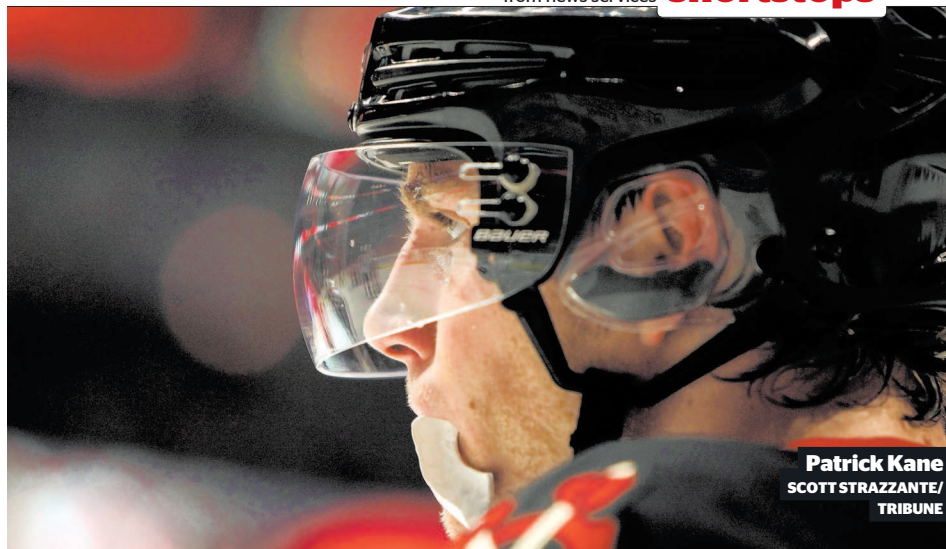
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# STARRY PLIGHT

Blackhawks offense takes another hit with Kane injury

After too many missed opportunities to earn points early in the season, the Blackhawks realize they can't afford to bide their time until Patrick Kane and Marian Hossa return from injuries.

The news that Kane will miss up to three weeks with a left leg injury suffered Sunday against Calgary was good in that the winger won't be gone for an extended period, but bad because the Hawks stumbled out of the gate and need victories. Combined with Hossa's lower-body injury that will keep him out of the lineup until at least next week, the Hawks must forge ahead without two of their offensive stars.

"It's tough when they are out, but injuries do happen and we're going to have to try and find ways to win games and not just tread water waiting for those guys to return," winger Troy Brouwer said.

Entering Tuesday, the Hawks were fifth in the Western Conference with 32 points and had played as many as four more games than conference opponents.

"We need wins—there's no secret about that," forward Patrick Sharp said. "It's different with those two guys out of the lineup. We probably won't be scoring six or seven goals a game, but if we keep things simple and play the way our coaches stress and talk about every day, there's no reason why we can't continue to win."

## CRAWFORD TO START VS. TURCO'S OLD TEAM

Marty Turco figures he'll get a chance to face his former team, but it won't be Wednesday when the Stars are in town to face the Blackhawks (7:30 p.m., CSN+).

Instead, it will be Corey Crawford starting for the Hawks for the fifth time in six games. With Crawford seeking his seventh consecutive victory, Turco understands coach Joel Quenneville's decision to stay with the hot hand.

"We're going to go with the winning formula," said Turco, who spent nine seasons with the Stars before signing a one-year contract with the Hawks during the offseason. "Corey's playing and deserves to. There's a reason why I came here [and] that's to win. I have zero problems with it."

» White Sox General Manager Ken Williams said "it's quite possible" the team would have a first baseman by Wednesday—and that it would not be Paul Konerko. Williams said Tuesday that negotiations with Konerko and agent Craig Landis were at an impasse and that "at this point we have no choice" but to explore other options.

» A report the Cubs have turned to Adam LaRoche as their primary choice at first base was shot down by team sources Tuesday. The Cubs are interested in LaRoche, as was mentioned in a **cbssports.com** report, but he is still one of several options they are considering. LaRoche batted .261 for Arizona with 25 home runs and 100 RBIs in 2010.

» Bears sign offensive lineman Herman Johnson off the Arizona Cardinals' practice squad.  
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By Linda Hays

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#### State Street

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Sure, foodies already are obsessed with this Mediterranean-influenced eatery, but that doesn't mean it's not newbie-friendly. Grab some friends to share tasty small plates, including holiday-appropriate butternut squash (\$6) and salt-roasted beets (\$5), or have your own salami Toscana panino (\$8).

##### Eatt

6 W. Hubbard St. 312-494-3288

If you're short on time, the Rosebud restaurant fam's River North eatery offers pastries and mini-gourmet sandwiches for grab-and-go service. You also can take advantage of daily sit-down specials, including red snapper tacos with mango relish (Tuesdays, \$13.99) and a prime rib burger with smoked white cheddar and horseradish cream sauce (Thursdays, \$15.99).

#### Division Street

##### Cumin

1414 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-342-1414

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##### Makisu Sushi Lounge & Grill

1725 W. Division St. 773-697-9535

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##### Wicker Basket Cafe

2113 W. Division St. 773-698-8413

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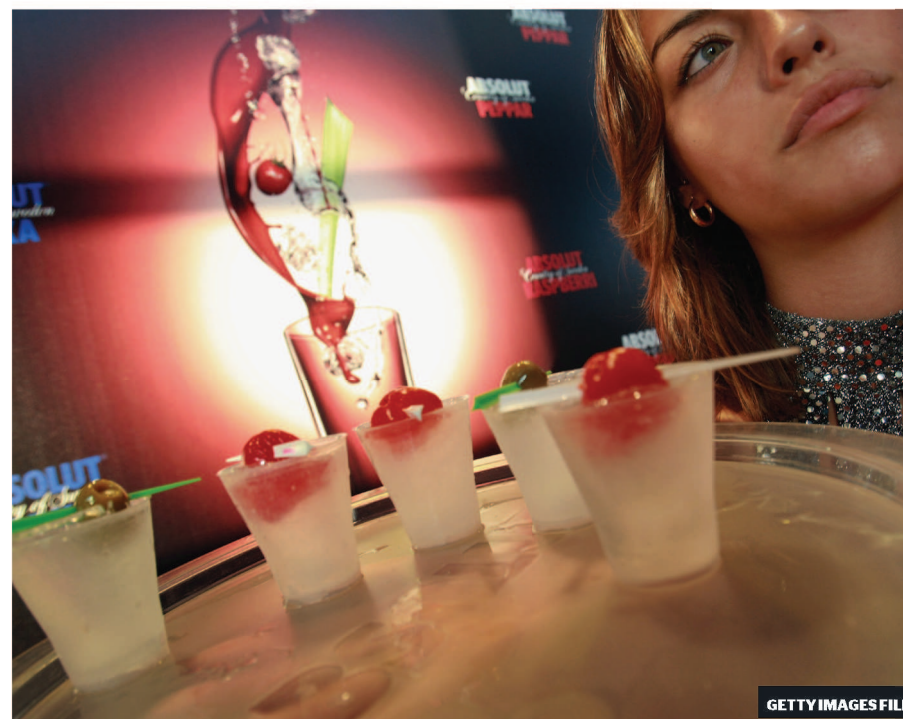
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**This week: Are shot girls (or boys) convenient or annoying?**



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-MATT PAIS



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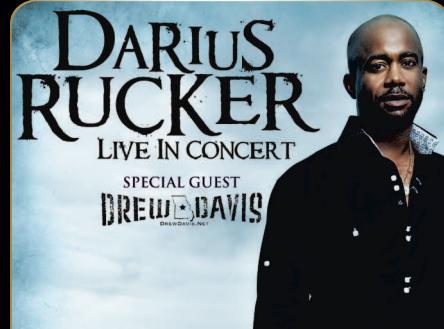
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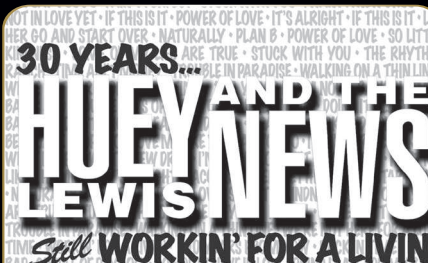
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## RANDOM ACTS OF GREATNESS

5 THINGS WE'RE LOVING THIS WEEK



**1** The tunes at **Big Star** (1531 N. Damen Ave.)—a cool mix of genres spanning classic country to rare rock on a recent night—is the perfect soundtrack for sipping. Of course, Big Star's tacos and cocktails are so good, we'd frequent the Wicker Park hot-spot even if it played nonstop Celine Dion, but the music makes the experience even richer. —**DANA KAVAN**

**2** The legitimately mind-blowing **chocolate tower of French toast** (\$12.25), available Saturdays and Sundays only at Bongo Room in Wicker Park (1470 N. Milwaukee Ave.) and the South Loop (1152 S. Wabash Ave.). Chocolate chunk bread? Maple mascarpone? Banana crème brulee sauce? Have mercy. —**MATT PAIS**

**3** **Dancing to Michael Jackson tracks** with the Friday late-night crowd at Bonny's Bar (2417 N. Milwaukee Ave.). It's been just a few weeks since this revamped dive reopened and it already has a solid following. —**EMILY VAN ZANDT**

**4** The **upstairs bar** at Gyu-Kaku (210 E. Ohio St.). Rather than showcase its bar in front of the dining room like most restaurants, this Japanese barbecue spot in Streeterville has hidden its bar up a flight of stairs. It's a quirky little space perfect for a sneaky date. —**LISA ARNETT**

**5** **Pretending its summer at Kingoberry** (555 S. Dearborn St.), the latest addition to the local fro-yo scene. Choose your own toppings or go with pre-chosen Kingoberry Creations, including (my fave) White Night (\$3.75-\$4.75) topped with white chocolate chips, mochi and marshmallows. —**LISA BALDE**

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**JET'S**

**PUBLIC HOUSE**  
\$2 glasses of house wine; 6148 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-792-2440.

**KIRKWOOD  
BAR & GRILL**

\$5 glasses of wine; 2934 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-770-0700.

**KROLL'S**

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**LANDMARK**

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**MATILDA**

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**ANGELINA  
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Wed.: Neighborhood Night. 20 percent off entire bill for Lakeview residents; 11 a.m. Sat., 10 a.m. Sun.: \$21 Champagne brunch; 3561 N. Broadway. 773-935-5933.

**\* BIN 36**

6 p.m. Wed.: Bubble Bath XI. Wine director Brian Duncan picks more than 75 of his favorite sparklers for the annual holiday party, while appetizers from chef John Caputo complement the pours. Also includes

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**BOLAT AFRICAN  
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Thu.: \$40 food order per table includes a bottle of wine; Fri.: \$5 martinis, \$6 call drinks; Sat.: Free fourth course; 3346 N. Clark St. 773-665-1100.

**CAFE DES  
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11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: \$18 lunch combo and \$22 lunch sampler. Combo changes daily and features soup, sandwich, salad and cookie. Lunch sampler includes 4 small courses; 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat.-Sun.: \$25 brunch sampler; 5-11 p.m. Sun.: \$32 three-course dinner; 20 E. Chestnut St. Sofitel Chicago Water Tower. 312-324-4000.

**CRUST**

Thu.: \$5 Treetinis, \$10 Goose Island 312 pitchers, trivia (8 p.m.); Sun.: \$4 bloody marys, half-price appetizers; 2056-58 W. Division St. 773-235-5511.

**FLOUNDER'S**

12-5 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: \$5 for a burger and a beer; Wed.: \$2 Miller Lite drafts, \$4 draft of the week; Thu.: \$2 Miller Lite drafts, \$3 Tecate cans, \$2 steak tacos; Fri.: \$4 Stoli cocktails and draft of the week; Sun.: \$5 bloody marys, \$9 Miller Lite pitchers; 2201 N. Clybourn Ave. 773-472-9920.

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Thu.: \$2 domestic bottles, \$3 import bottles, \$4 martinis, \$2.95 appetizers at the bar (5-7 p.m.); 6718 Northwest Hwy. 773-594-1155.

**OPERA**

11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: \$14.95 three-course "lunch box" menu. Includes choice of soup, entree, side and dessert; Fri.: Relief Fridays. \$15 for two martinis and an appetizer; Sun.: \$24.95 three-course dinner. Choose any appetizer or salad, any entree

and dessert from the menu; 1301 S. Wabash Ave. 312-461-0161.

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7 p.m. Wed.: Brasserie Du Bocq and St. Sylvestre Brewery Dinner. A five-course dinner includes pairings from France and Belgium. \$35. RSVP required; 3938 N. Central Ave. 773-853-0779.

**PRAIRIE FIRE**

Wed.: Buy-one-get-one-free burgers; 215 N. Clinton St. 312-382-8300.

**RB GRILLE**

Wed.: Half-price select bottles of wine; 4-6 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: \$30 three-course dinner. On the menu: lump crab fritters, crusted filet medallions, Alaskan halibut, peanut butter cream pie and more; 1 W. Grand Ave. Rock Bottom Brewery. 312-755-0890.

## PICK OF THE WEEK

**GT Fish &  
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Peek**

Get a taste of GT Fish & Oyster as the Gaztro-Wagon serves up the restaurant's lobster rolls and clam chowder (\$12). The River North oyster bar from the Boka Group and chef/partner Giuseppe Tentori (right) is expected to open in early 2011. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday. 531 N. Wells St.


**SIXTEEN**

11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Wed.-Sat.: \$32 three-course menu. Dishes available change frequently. Includes a non-alcoholic drink, plus coffee or tea; 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sun.: \$65 brunch buffet. RSVP recommended; 401 N. Wabash Ave. Trump International

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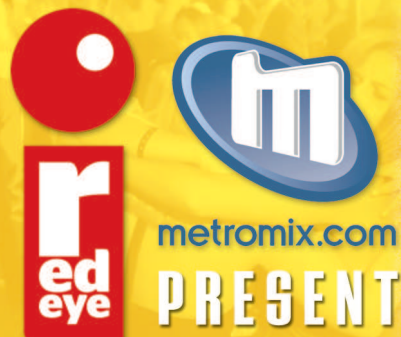
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## 8-piece local soul outfit The Congregation keeps style and feeling alive

**By Andy Downing**

For years, Gina Bloom daydreamed about fronting her own group. Playing drums in a classic rock cover band, she often would bite her lip while the crew's singer belted out the tunes, her mind repeatedly drifting back to the same thought: "I could do better." Yet until September 2009, when Bloom co-founded The Congregation, an eight-piece collective steeped in Motown and classic Philly soul, crippling bouts of stage fright prevented her from seeking out the spotlight.

"Growing up, I could sing anything if I didn't think people were paying attention to me," says the 28-year-old, who was born and raised in the Philadelphia suburb of Doylestown,

Pa. "But when they were actually like, 'Gina, sing,' I couldn't do it."

It's a surprising admission from someone who grew up with music in her blood; the singer's father, singer-songwriter Bill Bloom, scored a minor hit when he co-wrote Frankie Smith's 1981 funk number "Double Dutch Bus." Reached via phone at her Lincoln Park apartment, Bloom discussed her love of Elvis Presley, the band's fashion sense and the process that fueled the heartache in "Save the Wine," possibly the standout cut on the band's just-released debut, "Not For Sleepin'."

**Has the band always dressed up in suits? Or did you show up that first day in jeans and T-shirts, look around and think, "This isn't going to work?"**

[Laughs.] We made a decision before we played our first show that we were going to wear suits, and we stuck with that even

when we were playing outside in the middle of summer. We treat every show like it's a special occasion. We get dressed up and we go out there and play like we're never going to play again.

**With a name like The Congregation, I'm curious if you grew up singing in the church.**

No, I wish I could say that, though! I did grow up in a house that was full of music. My dad is a songwriter and singer, so family sing-alongs were not uncommon. Growing up, there's not a time I can think of where I wasn't singing. I always knew I wanted to make music.

**Is the eight-piece band a byproduct of your stage fright? Did you think it'd be easier to blend in with a bigger group?**

[Laughs.] Not really. I don't really try to blend in. My last band was only three people, but I played drums so I could just hide behind the drum kit. There's an energy with this band that makes it easier for me to go out and do my thing.

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**GINA BLOOM PERSONALITY TEST**

**What's the last album you bought?** Mavis Staples: "You Are Not Alone"

**Song you've listened to on repeat recently?** "Amy Winehouse singing a live acoustic version of 'Valerie' on The DL Show. She's my favorite crackhead."

**Best concert you've seen in the last year?** Sharon Jones & the Dap-Kings at The Vic

**New band you don't know personally that deserves to be big?** Kings Go Forth

**Describe your sound in five words or less.**  
Seriously soulful rock and blues.

**"Save the Wine" is such a tortured song. What were you thinking about while you recorded your vocals on that one?**  
I don't know if I put myself in another place, but I just tried to think about the fact that the song is kind of sung from this point of desperation, like, "Let's give this another shot. We can make things right." I felt a heavy burden with that song, like, "I better nail this." It was definitely exhausting because it was a late night. By the end of it I was like [feigns exhaustion], "Oh man."

**Did you do anything to prepare yourself mentally beforehand?**  
I drank some whiskey. That was basically it.

**I was also curious about your Elvis Presley cover, "Little Sister."**  
That was one that [guitarist] Charlie [Wayne] brought in. I've been an Elvis fan since I was 6 years old. Any Elvis song he brought in, I would have been like, "OK." I started taking guitar lessons when I was 6, but I only wanted to play Elvis songs like "Hound Dog" and "Heartbreak Hotel." I became obsessed.

**Have you ever been to Graceland?**  
I haven't, but that's something I need to do.

**I wasn't sure if you would've made a trip down there to sing at his grave like they did in Spinal Tap.**  
[Laughs.] I'm not one of those creepy, he's-still-alive fans, so I won't be making any pilgrimage. But I do appreciate the music and the personality.

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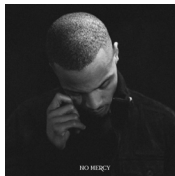
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**T.I.**  
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Originally called "King Uncaged," Atlanta rapper T.I. grudgingly renamed his seventh

album after he was sent back to an Arkansas prison to serve an 11-month sentence for a parole violation. Not surprisingly, the original title proves more fitting for an effort that should have served as a celebrity-laden homecoming party.

Kanye West and Kid Cudi welcome the rapper back to the world of "fast money, fast cars, big diamond rings" on brooding opener "Welcome to the World." Soon after, T.I. and Scarface take a spin down memory lane on "How Life Changed," a track that plays like the musical version of the post-betrayal, high-rise conversation Stringer Bell and Avon Barksdale shared on "The Wire." Elsewhere, T.I. apologizes to his fans (the surprisingly earnest "Get Back Up"), knocks back a few with Canadian singer/rapper Drake (club banger "Poppin' Bottles") and delivers a casual, horn-flecked gem in "Big Picture."

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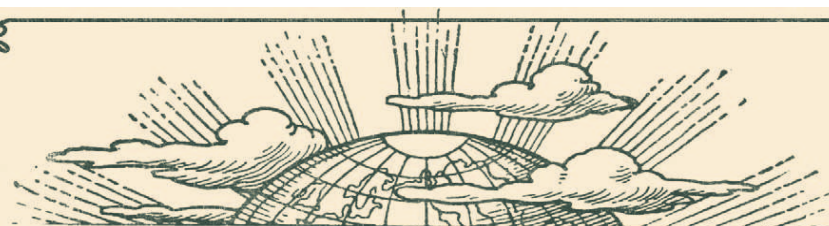
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all ages, all ages) at  
Rialto Square Theatre,  
Joliet.

**Parkway Drive, Set  
Your Goals, The  
Ghost Inside,** Mon-  
day, Feb. 21 (\$16-\$18,  
all ages) at House of  
Blues.

### ON SALE 11 A.M. FRIDAY

**Ben Rector,** Friday,  
Feb. 25 (\$10-\$12, all  
ages) at Space.

### ON SALE NOON FRIDAY

**Max Bemis,** Wednes-  
day, Feb. 16 (\$13-\$15, all  
ages) at Schubas.

**David Berkeley,**  
Tuesday, Feb. 22  
(\$12-\$15, all ages) at  
Schubas.

**Broken Records,**  
Saturday, Feb. 26 (\$12,  
21+) at Schubas.

**Elephant 6,** Tuesday,  
March 15 (\$12-\$15, 18+)  
at Lincoln Hall.

**The Ex,** Tuesday,  
March 28 (\$15, 18+) at  
Lincoln Hall.

**The Get Up Kids,  
Miniature Tigers,  
Brian Bonz,** Saturday,  
March 12 (\$22-\$26, 18+)  
at Lincoln Hall.

**Ted Leo,** Tuesday, Feb.  
1 (\$12, 18+) at Schubas.

**The Low Anthem,**  
Monday, Feb. 28 (\$14,  
18+) at Lincoln Hall.

**Ralphie May,** Friday,  
Feb. 18 (\$32.50, all  
ages) at Vic Theatre.

**The Parlotones,** Sat-  
urday, March 12 (\$12,  
21+) at Schubas.

**Trombone Shorty  
and Orleans Ave.,**  
Wednesday, Feb. 2  
(\$22, 21+) at Lincoln  
Hall.

**Wild Nothings, Abe  
Vigoda,** Friday, Feb. 18  
(\$12-\$14, 18+) at Lincoln  
Hall.

### ON SALE 10 A.M. SATURDAY

**The Church,** Friday,  
Feb. 11 (\$32.50, 18+) at  
Park West.

**Bobby Long,** Friday,  
Feb. 18 (\$15, 18+) at  
Schubas.

### ON SALE 11 A.M. SATURDAY

**Glen David An-  
drews,** Sunday, March  
6 (\$12-\$15, all ages) at  
Space.

**Dan Bern,** Wednes-  
day, March 9 (\$18-\$20,  
all ages) at Space.

**Commander Cody,**  
Thursday, Feb. 10 (\$17-  
\$20, all ages) at Space.

**JJ Grey,** Tuesday,  
March 22 (\$18-\$20, all  
ages) at Space.

**Trevor Hall,** Saturday,  
March 12 (\$14-\$18, all  
ages) at Space.

**Jon Cleary and Dirty  
Dozen Brass Band,**  
Friday, March 4 (\$35-  
\$40, all ages) at Space.



**Julian Lage,** Friday,  
March 31 (\$15-\$20, all  
ages) at Space.

**Patty Larkin,** Thurs-  
day, March 24 (\$17-\$20,  
all ages) at Space.

**James McMurtry,**  
Sunday, Jan. 13 (\$20-  
\$25, all ages) at Space.

**Men Aloud,** Sunday,  
March 13 (\$35, all ages)  
at Space.

**Peter Mulvey,** Sun-  
day, Feb. 13 (\$15-\$20, all  
ages) at Space.

**Alice Peacock,** Satur-  
day, March 5 (\$17-\$20,  
all ages) at Space.

**Richard Shindell,** Fri-  
day, March 11 (\$18-\$22,  
all ages) at Space.

**Dave Specter,** Thurs-  
day, Feb. 24 (\$12-\$15, all  
ages) at Space.

**Tommy Castro  
Band,** Thursday,  
March 10 (\$15-\$20, all  
ages) at Space.

**Jimmy Webb,** Satur-  
day, March 5 (\$25-\$30,  
all ages) at Space.

### ON SALE NOON SATURDAY

**The Beatnuts,** Satur-  
day, March 5 (\$17-\$20,

21+) at Double Door.

**Fitz and the Tan-  
trums, JC Brooks  
and the Uptown  
Sound, The Right  
Now,** Saturday, Feb. 5  
(\$14, 18+) at Metro.

**Free Energy,** Thurs-  
day, Jan. 20 (\$12, 21+) at  
Double Door.

**The Godfathers,**  
Thursday, Feb. 10  
(\$18-\$21, 21+) at Double  
Door.

**Good Apples, Bob  
Rock, D-Nick the  
Microphone Misfit,  
Powers,** Monday, Jan.  
10 (\$5, 21+) at Double  
Door.

**Liz Phair,** Saturday,  
Jan. 22 (\$25, all ages) at  
Metro.

**Conrad Richards,  
Dorian Taj,** Sunday,  
Jan. 30 (\$5, 21+) at  
Double Door.

**Rubblebucket, Ae-  
tiology, The Town  
Monsters,** Saturday,  
Jan. 15 (\$15, 21+) at  
Double Door.

**Strange Arrange-  
ment, Bumpus,  
Rough Cut,** Friday,  
March 4 (\$10, 21+) at  
Double Door.





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# Five golden ringers

**Tired of tradition? Head to these alternative holiday shows for a seasonal shake-up**

**By Julia Borcherts**

Sure, holiday tradition can be a great thing. But if all you want for Christmas is a little entertainment that doesn't involve yet another TV rerun of "Miracle on 34th Street" or "It's a Wonderful Life," we've got some glad tidings. Get a new perspective on comfort and joy—or at least a few laughs—at these nontraditional, holiday-themed productions.



## 'A John Waters Christmas'

Harris Theater for Music and Dance in Millennium Park, 205 E. Randolph Drive

Looking for a little old-fashioned sleaze with your Christmas cheer? The legendary filmmaker ("Hairspray," "Pink Flamingos") and author ("Role Models") puts the X back in X-mas when he rides into town with a sleigh full of smut for his solo show about his own offbeat yuletide traditions, religious fanaticism for Santa Claus, compulsion to surprise others with perverted gifts and more. Onstage Dec. 14.

**Tickets:** \$45-\$75; 312-334-7777; [harristheaterchicago.org](http://harristheaterchicago.org)

## 'Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge'

The Cornservatory, 4210 N. Lincoln Ave.

Who knew Bob Cratchit had so many problems with the missus? Chicago's reigning Miss Looptopia, Steve Hickson, trades in his tiara for a stocking cap and top hat to star as Ebenezer Scrooge in Obie Award-winner Christopher Durang's darkly comic reworking of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." While traveling through Christmases past, present and future, he encounters Gladys Cratchit, the hard-drinking, stressed-out, suicidal wife of perennial victim Bob, who can't stop bringing home orphans and can't manage to raise the cash for their care, either. Through Jan. 2.

**Tickets:** \$15; \$12 for students; 773-418-4475; [arftco.com](http://arftco.com)



## 'A Klingon Christmas Carol'

Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave.

Want some Spock with your Scrooge? Get your season's geekings at Twin Cities troupe Commedia Beauregard's original parody of the Dickens fable, in which three ghosts attempt to teach a cowardly Scrooge the "Star Trek" Warrior Code of Honor in order to save Tiny Tim from a terrible fate—and yes, it's performed entirely in the Klingon language. Not fluent? Don't worry; you can sneak a peek at the projected English supertitles and still keep your nerd cred intact. Through Dec. 19.

**Tickets:** \$32; 773-404-7336; [cbtheatre.org](http://cbtheatre.org)



## 'Tease the Season'

Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave.

Baby, we know it's cold outside. But you can shake off that winter chill over some brrrlesque at this winter wonderland of sugar and spice, which features not one but three same-night, holiday-themed events hosted by Minneapolis cabaret performer Nadine Dubois. First, get warm over cocktails during a student striptease showcase. Next, Miss Exotic World 2005 Michelle Lamour and the Chicago Starlets heat things up in a burlesque revue with live music by local band the Bama Lamas. Then, cozy up on the dance floor during a post-show party with the performers. Dec. 10.

**Tickets:** \$15-\$20; 773-404-9494; [martyrslive.com](http://martyrslive.com)

## 'Redeemers'

Rocco Ranalli's, 1925 N. Lincoln Ave.

So you're identifying a little too closely with the beaten-up Bob Cratchit. Get revenge on that workplace Scrooge—vicariously, and with pizza if you like—at New Leaf Theatre's site-specific dark comedy by The Neo-Futurists ensemble member Bilal Dardai. Set during the holidays, three co-workers meet at their favorite watering hole to decide how to handle their nasty and untrustworthy boss' sudden and unconvincing attempt to make amends with underlings. Through Dec. 19.

**Tickets:** \$15 suggested donation, plus a one-drink minimum; 773-980-6391; [newleaftheatre.org](http://newleaftheatre.org)

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REDEYE

Lyrical genius. Trendsetting superstar. Controversial celebrity. Petulant egomaniac.

You either love or hate Kanye West. There's no in-between.

No matter what you think of West, 33, one thing is for sure: His musical talent and pop culture prowess is undeniable.

After a tumultuous year that began with a self-imposed exile following the Taylor Swift spotlight-snatching debacle last year at MTV's Video Music Awards, the Chicago-bred rapper is ending 2010 on a high note. His fifth album, "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy," released in November, has been universally praised, snagging the top spot on the Billboard 200 chart with 496,000 albums sold. New York magazine calls the album "pop's event of the year, a stunning comeback for an artist whom many people had started to think of more as a clown."

Stunning, indeed.

"He's clearly one of the most genius artists of our time. I think it's a matter of whether he can keep his ego in check too," said Erik Bradley, music director for Chicago's B96 radio station. "If nothing else, he's got universal intrigue because people are watching him to see what he's going to do, or say, or wear or create and that is the sign of a legitimate artist, when people are really, genuinely interested in all things he is."

It's the Teflon quality of this admitted perfectionist, his ability to influence all spheres of pop culture—and yes, that "stunning comeback"—that

## HOMECOMING KING

"Kanye will always be synonymous with Chicago," says Erik Bradley, music director for Chicago's B96 radio station.

West was raised on the South Side, where his mom, Donda, chaired the English department at Chicago State University. West later enrolled at the university but dropped out to pursue his music career. He started producing for local artists, but his big break came when he became a producer for high-profile artists including Jay-Z.

"I think most people who are from Chicago share the fact that they are proud of the city as he is," Bradley says. "Chicagoans are proud and Kanye, I would say, is very quick to talk about his love for our city too." L.V.

WHAT'S  
YOUR TAKE?

Did we get the Pop Person of the Year right? Or were we way off? Tell us your thoughts and we might publish your letter. Send an e-mail with your full name, age and neighborhood to [riteye@tribune.com](mailto:riteye@tribune.com).

makes the 14-time Grammy Award-winner RedEye's Pop Person of the Year.

West joins Lady Gaga (2009), the Obamas (2008) and the paparazzi (2007), all of whom were recognized for redefining the celebrity and pop culture landscapes in their respective years for reasons good and bad, in RedEye's Pantheon of Pop.

So following in Pop Person tradition, here's a look at West's good, bad and "sooooo Kanye" moments (we added that last category just for him) of 2010. Of course, we had to include the Louis Vuitton Don's notable moments in style as well as a sampling of his Twitter rants—since joining Twitter in July, West has posted more than 1,200 tweets.

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So  
close

While these runners-up didn't get the title, they still left a big imprint on pop culture this year. L.V.

## 'JERSEY SHORE' CAST

The Situation, Pauly D, Snooki, J-Woww, Sammi, Ronnie, Vinny and Angelina struck reality TV gold with their formula of hot tub hookups and GTL; their show is MTV's highest-rated series. The cast members have propelled themselves beyond MTV, with commercials, bar appearances, book deals, the Situation's turn on "Dancing With the Stars" and as the inspiration for some of this year's most popular Halloween costumes.



## CONAN O'BRIEN

O'Brien walked away from "The Tonight Show" when NBC wanted the time slot for Jay Leno ... and created a pop culture movement. His fans (Team Coco) rallied on Facebook by the thousands and protested at NBC stations in cities including Chicago. O'Brien's subsequent move to TBS garnered buzz through a slew of viral videos. His debut show had more viewers than Leno. Is it any wonder O'Brien was voted by Time magazine readers as one of the 100 most influential people in the world?







## BAD KANYE

» In his memoir, former President George W. Bush said West's comment in 2005 that Bush didn't care about black people in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina represented an "all-time low." In an interview, Bush called it "one of the most disgusting moments of my presidency." West later responded, admitting he had no grounds to call Bush a racist.

» His inescapable rants about the media included vents on Twitter about an L.A. Times review of the "Runaway" film in which the reporter erroneously omitted the word "beautiful" from West's album title and a salvo on "Today" show host Matt Lauer. West also complained about how Taylor Swift never came to his defense in interviews. Earlier this year, he ripped on fashion bloggers on his own blog, saying they don't live fashion.

» He and then-girlfriend Amber Rose in January strutted around Paris wearing full-length fur coats, which prompted PETA's vice president, Dan Mathews, to say they looked like "pathetic creatures from a shabby roadside zoo."

### FASHIONISTA MOMENT

Fingerless gloves and a sweatband in the winter in New York?

### TWITTER RANT

"I think Twitter was designed specifically with me in mind just my humble opinion hahhhahaaaahaaa humble hahahahha-haahaaaa" — July 29



## GOOD KANYE

» In August, West started posting free downloads to tracks, some that were near-identical to those on "Fantasy," and dubbing them "G.O.O.D. Music Fridays," after his record label. The music community has followed suit: Rapper-producer Swizz Beatz is releasing new songs on "Monster Mondays," **billboard.com** reports, while RZA claims "Wu Wednesdays" and Timbaland is planning "Timbo Thursdays."

» His secret show in Manhattan on Thanksgiving Eve instantly sold out once word leaked; fans waited in line for hours trying to squeeze into the venue.

» His new album "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy," which dropped Nov. 22, received five stars from Rolling Stone and a perfect score from Pitchfork; it's at the top of the Billboard 200; and Spin named it album of the year.

### TWITTER RANT

"I am a creative person .... I'm not a good celebrity but I'm a great artist ... I'm tired of using my celebrity to sell my art." — Nov. 9

## SOOOOOOOO KANYE

### FASHIONISTA MOMENT

Red sneakers in a head-to-toe red outfit

» In a recent interview with Rihanna in Interview magazine, he asks the question: "How does it feel to know that you could have any

man in the world? Or woman. How does it feel to know that you can turn straight women gay?"

» His 35-minute short film, "Runaway," which MTV, MTV2 and BET simultaneously premiered in October, features imagery such as a huge Michael Jackson head, dancing ballerinas and red-hooded KKK look-alikes.

» He showed off his bottom row of "diamond teeth" on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" in October, emphasizing they weren't grills. "It's really my real teeth ... it replaced my bottom row of teeth," he said.

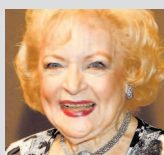
### TWITTER RANT

"Man ... ninjas are kind of cool ... I just don't know any personally" — Sept. 23



### BETTY WHITE

Who doesn't love a sassy old lady? The 88-year-old actress kick-started the year with a cameo in a Super Bowl commercial that went viral. A Facebook campaign pushing for White to host "Saturday Night Live" followed, racking up more than 500,000 fans. In May, she hosted "SNL" and won an Emmy for it. Other triumphs: She appeared on "The Daily Show," landed a role in a sitcom, "Hot in Cleveland," and landed a book deal. And did we mention she's one of Barbara Walters' most fascinating people this year?



### THE 'GLEE' CAST

"Glee," in its second season, has become a pop culture phenomenon. A-list stars want a piece of the Fox show: Zac Efron and Anne Hathaway are clamoring for guest roles while Britney Spears and Gwyneth Paltrow have guest-starred. The show has racked up awards from Golden Globes to Emmys. While the show's musical numbers are popular (album sales and iTunes songs are through the roof), a recent sexy photo shoot in GQ of cast members in racy poses in their underwear has stolen the buzz.



### JON STEWART

Already regarded as America's most trusted newscaster in a Time poll, "The Daily Show" host was named the most influential man in an **askmen.com** poll and is in the running with partner-in-crime Stephen Colbert to be Time's Person of the Year. His Rally to Restore Sanity was attended by more than 200,000 people in Washington, D.C. He scored an interview with President Obama, the first time a sitting U.S. president appeared on the comic news program.





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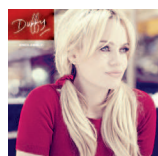
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Duffy  
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**ALBUM**  
**'Endlessly'** Duffy



For "Endlessly," Duffy has somehow become even more stylistically schizophrenic than on her debut, "Rockferry." The first single, "Well, Well, Well," is bouncily close to her Winehouse-ian breakthrough "Mercy." Yeah, yeah, yeah. She even takes giant dance steps toward Kylie-ness with "Lovestruck." However, Duffy also retreats into '50s torch songs with the aching "Too Hurt to Dance" and the lush title track. The genre whiplash would be worth it for the right songs, but Duffy often comes up short on the modern end ("Keeping My Baby") and the retro trip ("Breath Away"). GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY

**VIDEO GAME**  
**'Splatterhouse'**

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The title of Namco's newest action-horror game is absurdly literal. "Splatterhouse," a remake of a 1988 arcade and TurboGrafx-16 game, features buckets of blood, severed limbs and oozing viscera. The campy, ripped-from-the-'80s plot revolves around college student Rick Taylor, who tries to rescue his girlfriend from evil by using a mystical sentient mask that transformed him into a muscled badass. In other words, it's like an R-rated version of Jim Carrey's "The Mask." "Splatterhouse" isn't for the squeamish, but fans of slasher movies should enjoy all the over-the-top, bonecrunching action. RYAN SMITH FOR REDEYE  
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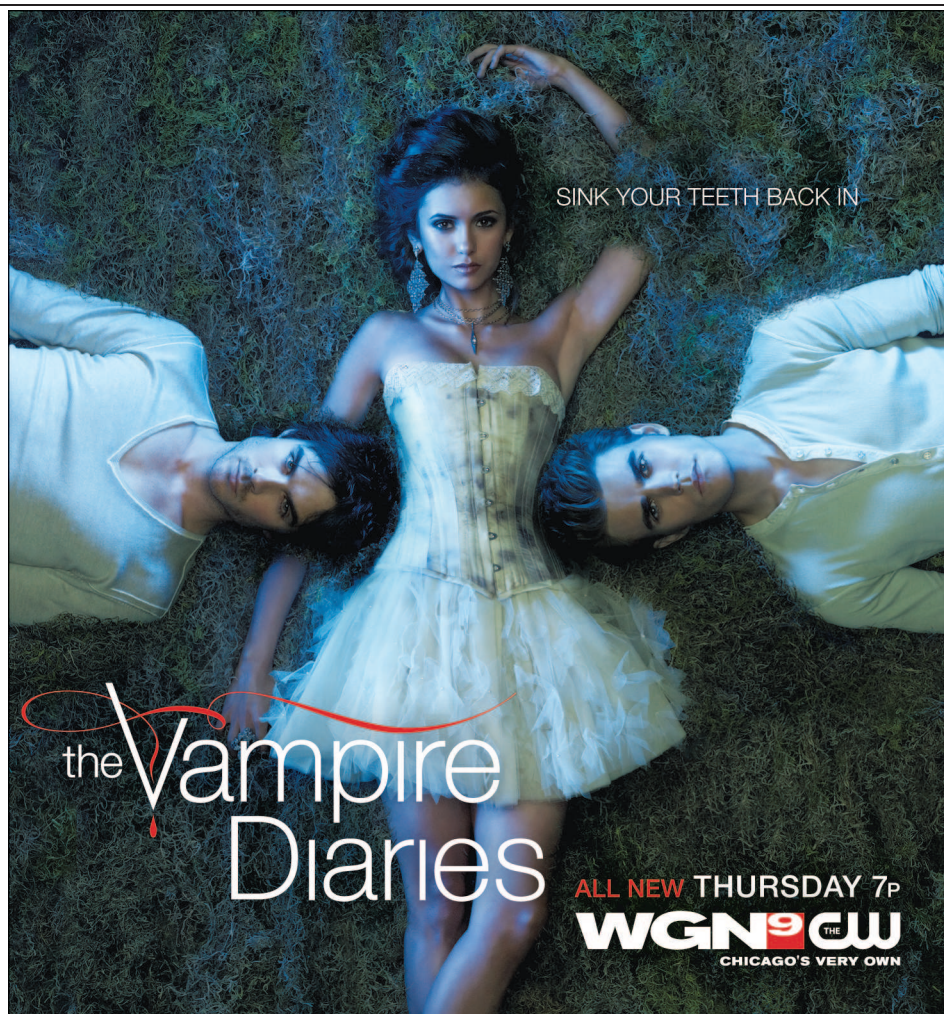


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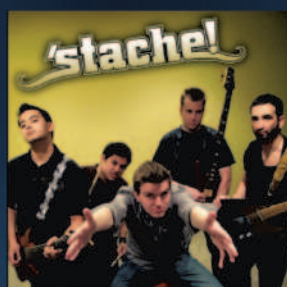
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# Does Champagne really taste better than sparkling wine?

## Reuters

Champagne can be produced only in the French region that bears its name, but the joy that comes from hearing a cork pop can come from any number of other sparkling wines—at a fraction of the cost.

“The central problem is that wine pricing is almost completely arbitrary ... the price of a wine does not significantly correlate to the pleasure it brings,” said Robin Goldstein, editor of “The Wine Trials,” an annual guide to wines under \$15 a bottle that beat wines costing \$50-plus a bottle in blind tastings.

Dom Perignon producer Moët & Chandon sells more than 60 million bottles of premium-priced Champagne every year, according to Goldstein.

But in the latest edition of “The Wine Trials” most wine drinkers reported again that they preferred a \$12 bottle of Dom Perignon. Michelle Cuvee Brut from Washington State to the \$150 Dom Perignon.

“At a minimum it seems clear that many Americans might be wasting at least \$138, at least where taste is concerned,” he said.

Natalie MacLean, the Canadian author of “Red, White and Drunk All Over,” agrees that sparkling wine can be good value.

“There are some terrific bubbly that will add sparkle to your holidays without taking a shine to your wallet,” said the author, who also has one of the Web’s largest wine sites: [nataliemaclean.com](http://nataliemaclean.com).

MacLean suggests Santa Margherita Prosecco Di Valdobbiadene Brut, from Italy, which she describes as surprisingly rich and toasty, yet packed with luscious peach and pear notes.

Her second pick is Freixenet Cordon Rosado from Spain, a sparkler that she says offers lovely aromas of fresh raspberries and strawberries.

For Madeline Maldonado, wine director of the Lelabar in Manhattan, her favorite Champagne alternative is Sekts,

the sparkling wines made in Austria and Germany.

“I really like the Riesling and Gruner Veltliner ones. People hear Riesling and think a still white, but it really is wonderful when turned into something sparkling,” she said, adding her favorite at the moment is a 2005 Ratzenberger.

Sparkling wines are made in any number of places. One of the best known in Greece, Amalia Brut Sparkling wine, is made by Yiannis Tselepos from Moschofilero grapes. It has the aromas of pear, honey and lemon as well as the bubbles.

Australia produces any number of sparkling wines based on Shiraz packed with the aromas of blackberries and chocolate.

Value is in the wallet of the beholder and can come at any price point. New Mexico’s Gruet Brut NV, made from Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, two of the three traditional Champagne grapes, can hold its own against many of California’s sparklers that cost twice as much.

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If the number of calls coming into the switchboard are any indication, Piemonte's comments may be right on target. The phones have been ringing off the hook since the event was announced last week. Call volume has been so brisk that Piemonte urges shoppers to come in early while selection is best. "When the last 2010 is gone, this sale is over and that could happen well before the end of December."

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The holiday eating season is in full swing, which means our nutrition and fitness routines often are the first things to go. Avoid the dreaded weight gain and stay happy, healthy and fit with some tips from [livestrong.com](http://livestrong.com). L.A. TIMES PHOTO

## Become a healthy grazer

Severely restricting calories or skipping meals can dampen your mood, increase your appetite and ultimately lead to weight gain. Eating smaller, balanced meals and snacks at regular intervals throughout the day can enhance your blood sugar and energy level while preventing excessive hunger.

## Manage your stress

If your food cravings increase along with your stress load, seek alternate means of

comfort and relief. This may mean going for a walk, practicing yoga, having coffee with a friend, getting weekly massages or taking a warm bubble bath. Consider it a gift to yourself this holiday season!

## Stay active

Hate the gym? You'll be more likely to stick with activities you find enjoyable. Incorporate a variety of your favorite picks into your daily lifestyle for maximum benefits. Walk your dog. Build a snowman. Find a new hiking trail in your neighborhood.

## Get your ZZZs

Sleeping too little is directly correlated with how much you eat and exercise, according to the National Sleep Foundation. Aim for seven to nine hours of sleep nightly, even during the busy holiday weeks.

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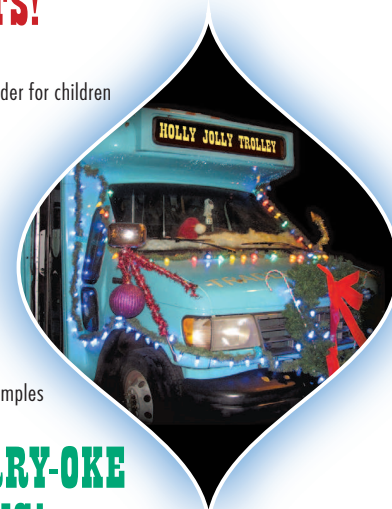
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After meeting filmmaker John Waters (left) on a British TV show, Justin Bieber (center) drew on his own thin mustache. HANDOUT PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BALTIMORE SUN

# Bieber 'mustache' creates quite a stir

## The Baltimore Sun

Bawdy filmmaker John Waters and teenage heartthrob Justin Bieber have a little something in common: facial hair.

Justin's hangs over his eyes—those famously floppy bangs. Waters' creeps across his upper lip. And now, Justin has let the world know he covets the filmmaker's trademark, pencil-thin mustache.

The two shared the sofa last week as guests on Britain's "The Graham Norton Show." (The episode will air at 9 p.m. Saturday on BBC America.) Not long after the shrieking died down from Bieber's introduction, the 16-year-old leaned across to Waters, there to promote his book "Role Models," and said, "Your 'stache is the jam."

"Thank you. Thank you very much," Waters replied. He pulled an eyebrow pencil from his pocket, saying, "If you want to try it. ... Can I draw it on you?"

Bieber took the pen but declined Waters' offer. "I'm good," he said. "Maybe later."

Sure enough, as soon as the show ended, Bieber drew on a version of the mustache. Waters said Monday morning that Bieber's tribute of sorts flattered him and cracked him up.

"It really made me laugh when I saw it," he said. "It was the last thing I expected."

Paparazzi snapped seemingly millions of shots of Bieber with the mustache, with no idea it had anything to do with Waters. In fact, a story in London's Daily Mail sort of scolded Bieber for the drawn-on facial hair, calling it a sign of his immaturity, after reporters spotted the pop star leaving an upscale Indian restaurant with it—apparently he kept it on for dinner.

Waters said he's a Bieber fan who already owns his first album and plans to purchase the second. His favorite hit? "Baby."

"I'm a fan of the whole phenomenon—being 16 and so famous you can't leave your house," Waters said. "I think he's the only person that can cause an international incident by trimming his bangs. I hope that his hair is cut hourly."

While together on the show, Waters managed to get Bieber to sign a bottle of Proactiv, the acne treatment the teen star endorses. Waters said he not only admires Bieber's bangs, but his ability to keep his forehead blemish-free beneath them.

"I am the only person in the entire world that owns an autographed, Justin Bieber-approved pimple medicine," Waters said, laughing. "I'm going to keep it. Are you kidding? I'm going to display it—and if I ever get a pimple, maybe I'll use it."

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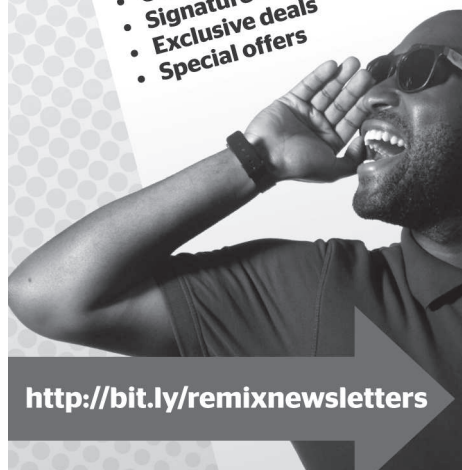
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- AMC Independent Fair Game (PG-13) ♦ 1:15, 3:55, 9:25
- Morning Glory (PG-13) 11:40, 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:25
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- Megamind 3D (PG) 4:20, 7:05, 9:45
- Red (PG-13) 11:40, 2:30, 5:20, 8:10, 11:00
- The Social Network (PG-13) 11:05, 1:55, 4:50, 7:50, 10:40

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- Red (PG-13) 4:45 P.M.

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- The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (PG) Advance Tickets Available
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- Glenn Beck Encore: Broke (NR) 7:30

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- The Next Three Days (PG-13) 1:30, 4:10, 6:55, 9:40
- Unstoppable (PG-13) 1:50, 4:15, 6:40, 9:05
- Skyline (PG-13) 1:55, 4:10, 6:35, 8:55
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- For Colored Girls (R) 2:35, 5:45, 8:45

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- The Social Network (PG-13) 10:55 P.M.

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- Love & Other Drugs (R) ♦ VIP Premium 21+ 2:00, 8:00
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- Black Swan (R) ♦ 12:50, 3:30, 6:10, 8:50
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- Glenn Beck Encore: Broke (NR) ♦ 7:30 P.M.
- Inside Job (PG-13) ♦ 10:35 P.M.
- The Warrior's Way (R) ♦ 11:15, 2:15, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10
- 127 Hours (R) 1:00, 3:25, 6:05, 8:30, 10:55
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- 1 for a king; regal
- 4 Fragment
- 9 Schnoz
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- 15 Vestige
- 16 Wicked
- 17 Run off quickly
- 18 Car for Unser
- 19 Mountaintop
- 20 Poverty
- 22 Weapons
- 23 Gather leaves
- 24 Sick
- 26 Whole
- 29 Greek god of the sea
- 34 Bedspread
- 35 Yuletide visitor
- 36 Cold cubes
- 37 Encourage
- 38 Michelin products
- 39 One-dish meal
- 40 Bit of sooty residue
- 41 Trousers
- 42 Deadly
- 43 Sluggish feeling
- 45 Arson or theft
- 46 Goof
- 47 Beef or pork
- 48 Ambience
- 51 Coming into view
- 56 Decorative nail
- 57 Pace & canter
- 58 Tidy
- 60 Hardy cabbage
- 61 Group of eight
- 62 Roof edge
- 63 Get rid of
- 64 Approaches
- 65 Writing instrument

### DOWN

- 1 White lie
- 2 Press, as clothes
- 3 Saga
- 4 Bowler's delight
- 5 Wading bird
- 6 Run quickly
- 7 High cards
- 8 Keeps at it

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- 12 BPOE members
- 14 Germfree
- 21 Game piece thrown at a bull's-eye
- 25 Grassy area
- 26 Of the same value
- 27 Hospital patient's cry
- 28 Not loose
- 29 Fiesta

- 30 Singles
- 31 Word of agreement
- 32 Pacific or Arctic
- 33 Recently
- 35 Warble
- 38 Spice rack jar
- 39 Cracker
- 41 Golf hole average
- 42 Apprehension
- 44 Chairied, as a committee
- 45 Banquets

- 47 Coin machine by a parking space
- 48 Requests
- 49 "The Beehive State"
- 50 Bylaw
- 52 \_ oneself;
- 53 work steadily
- 53 Pocket bread
- 54 \_ tide
- 55 Donated
- 59 Bill with Alexander Hamilton's face

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## Sometimes a hair color change works; sometimes it's a disaster

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Emma Stone is seeing red no more. The "Easy A" star debuted a fresh head of blond hair this weekend at a Trevor Project event, **people.com** reports. The lighter look is for her role in "Spider-Man," but we liked crimson Emma just the way she was. RedEye checked out some other famous females' hair color transformations to see if they were dye dreams or disasters.

**Emma Stone**  
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### Katherine Heigl

*Blond vs. black*

Heigl really outdid herself earlier this year by showing off a huge nest of dark hair that probably was home to several species of vermin. Aside from that, black washes her features out. Keep it light, lady.

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### Julia Roberts

*Red vs. brown/blond*

There's only one way we want to see Julia's hair: long, poufy and red. Her "My Best Friend's Wedding" coif accomplished these things; everything else is second-rate.

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### Lindsay Lohan

*Blond vs. red*

Yet another example of the red-is-best theory, LiLo took a major slide down the trashy scale when she stripped down her signature fiery locks.

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### Rihanna

*Natural vs. crazy*

Black, brown, purple, fire-engine red—any way you dye it, Rihanna will rock it. It comes down to cut more than color for this chameleon, and we say keep it short and choppy—long waves don't do this siren's personality justice.

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### Ashlee Simpson

*Blond vs. dark*

Ashlee's carved out an edgier niche to counter her sister Jessica's country sweetness, and dark hair helps her work a rocker vibe. Brown, black or even red amp up her street cred.

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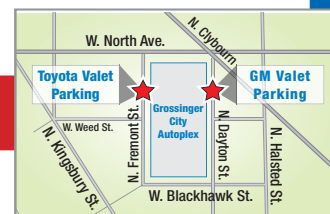


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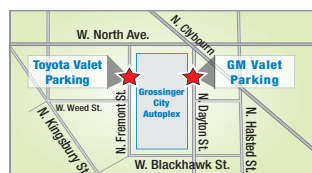
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## G'day, Oprah!

And you get a kangaroo! And you get a kangaroo! Oprah's Australia audience has landed in Sydney for an eight-day trip, **thr.com** reports. The 300 lucky travelers will visit the Great Barrier Reef, the Outback and wine country, as well as watch three tapings of the show. Two episodes will take place at the Sydney Opera House and another in an as-yet-undisclosed location.

## 'Blue' seeing red

Ryan Gosling and Michelle Williams, the stars of the steamy flick "Blue Valentine," are furious about the movie's NC-17 rating. "It's an inappropriate rating," Gosling said, according to CNN. "I mean, you go see films and the guys are getting their arms and their legs cut off and that's an R rating, but ... if it's in the direction of a woman receiving pleasure ... it's pornographic."

## THE DIGIT

## \$100 million

That's what Howard Stern is paid each year under his Sirius XM radio contract, according to The Hollywood Reporter. Stern has yet to renew his contract, so his last day on the air with Sirius XM could be Dec. 16 if an agreement isn't reached soon, according to THR.

**Matt Damon**  
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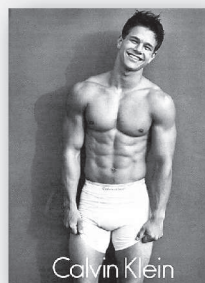
# Matt Damon on the town

Matt Damon is busy shooting the star-studded outbreak thriller "Contagion" in the Chicago area, but not so busy that he was going to miss watching his hometown New England Patriots face the New York Jets in one of the biggest games of the NFL season. The "Bourne Identity" star, accompanied by about 15 crew members, watched the "Monday Night Football" game at Jake Melnick's Corner Tap in River North, according to the Tribune's Luis Arroyave. Damon dined on appetizers and Lagunitas Farmhouse Saison beers, but he probably enjoyed the final score even more. The Pats won 45-3.



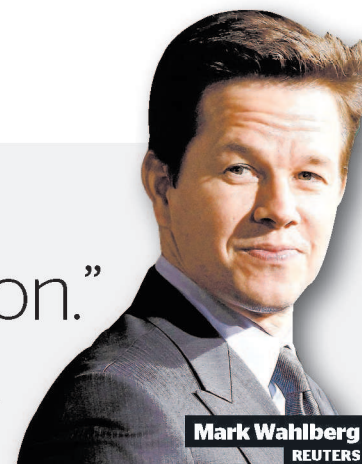
## She's so money

Call her Kim Karda\$hian. The starlet topped the list of the wealthiest reality TV stars with an estimated \$6 million haul this year, according to **thedailybeast.com**. Lauren Conrad (\$5 million), Bethenny Frankel (\$4 million), Audrina Patridge (\$3.5 million) and Kate Gosselin (\$3.5 million) rounded out the top five.



"Yeah, but I think I had a little bit more going on."

—"The Fighter" star Mark Wahlberg to **thedailybeast.com**, playfully answering a question about whether his history in underwear ads (left), music and workout videos makes him the original Situation



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